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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

GRAIN AND FEED

THAILAND's paddy rice output is expected to reach record levels this year, according to the U.S. agricultural attache in Bangkok. Rainfall has been timely and well distributed, resulting in a main wet-season crop of 17.5 million metric tons, compared with last year's harvest of 16.25 million. With an average dry-season crop of 2.25 million tons (2.0 million last year), the total paddy production is estimated at 19.75 million tons (13.0 million, milled basis), up 8 percent from the previous year. Most of the wet-season rice crop increase came out of the lower north and upper central plains. Rice production jumped 11 percent in the north plains with some shifting to the more marketable non-glutinous varieties. The increase in the central plains and the northeast over last year is estimated at 5 percent, although some northeast areas, especially Chaiyaphum, experienced dry conditions.

DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ARGENTINE cattle numbers are expected to continue declining because producers have been discouraged by weak export markets and price controls, according to the U.S. agricultural counselor in Buenos Aires. Slaughter for 1985 is expected to be up 12 percent to 13.8 million tons. However, beef production is expected to be up only 5 percent to 2.7 million tons because of increased cow (up 15 percent) and calf slaughter.

COFFEE

WORLD green coffee production for 1985/86 is estimated at 98.6 million 60-kilogram bags, virtually unchanged from the June forecast (see WR 25-85) and 9 percent more than the previous season. The current estimate, a record high outturn, is 1 percent above the previous record of 98.0 million bags in 1981/82. A 6-million-bag increase for Brazil accounts for most of the increase in the 1985/86 world coffee crop.

In North and Central America and the Caribbean, coffee production is estimated to be down 4 percent as many of the larger producing countries are expecting decreases. Costa Rican production is estimated to be down 20 percent from the previous year's record harvest because of the cyclical nature of coffee production and less favorable weather conditions. In Mexico, the largest producer in the region, production is expected to increase by 5 percent over last season.

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South American production is estimated at 50.0 million bags, 18 percent above the 1984/85 level. Brazil's 1985/86 coffee crop is estimated at 33 million bags, 22 percent above 1984/85, due to favorable growing conditions (see WR 7-85, WR 24-85 and WR 25-85). In Colombia, production for 1985/86 is up 14 percent (1.5 million bags) from last year and unchanged from the June forecast.

Africa's coffee production in 1985/86 is estimated at a record 21.8 million bags, 6 percent above last season. Ivory Coast production is estimated at 5 million bags, the largest crop since 1980/81. Kenya's estimated outturn of 2.2 million bags is 42 percent above the drought-reduced 1984/85 harvest as favorable rains in April-May 1985 improved yields.

In Asia and Oceania, 1985/86 coffee output is estimated at 10.6 million bags, virtually the same as last season. All major producing countries in this region are expecting increased output except India, down 20 percent or nearly 600,000 bags from 1984/85.

Coffee production by region and for selected countries is estimated as follows in 1,000 60-kilogram bags:

Region/Country	Revised 1984/85	Estimated 1985/86
North and Central America and Caribbean:		
Costa Rica	2,516	2,013
Dominican Republic	900	820
El Salvador	2,700	2,600
Guatemala	2,703	2,530
Honduras	1,500	1,400
Mexico	4,250	4,480
Nicaragua	850	830
Others	1,485	1,584
Total	16,904	16,257
South America:		
Brazil	27,000	33,000
Colombia	11,000	12,500
Ecuador	1,500	1,600
Peru	1,150	1,300
Others	1,602	1,609
Total	42,252	50,009
Africa:		
Cameroon	2,100	1,900
Ethiopia	2,600	3,150
Ivory Coast	4,900	5,000
Kenya	1,525	2,170
Uganda	3,300	3,000
Zaire	1,503	1,540
Others	4,650	5,005
Total	20,578	21,765

Region/Country	Revised 1984/85	Estimated 1985/86
Asia and Oceania:		
India	2,917	2,334
Indonesia	5,400	5,750
Philippines	857	943
Papua-New Guinea	750	800
Others	699	739
Total	10,623	10,616
World Total	90,357	98,647

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

U.S. agricultural exports during October 1985 amounted to \$2.3 billion and 9.8 million tons. While both the export value and volume for the first month of fiscal 1986 (October 1985) were down from October 1984, the October 1985 value and volume were up from the previous month by almost \$460 million (24 percent) and 2.2 million tons (29 percent).

The sharpest year-to-year declines in October occurred in wheat, wheat flour, corn, grain sorghum, soybean oil, cotton and tobacco. These drops were due to both unit value and volume declines from a year earlier. Such declines were partially offset by gains in shipments of soybeans, soybean meal, rice, peanuts, dairy products and livestock and products. The fruit and vegetable complex was characterized by little overall change from October 1984, although individual product groups (e.g. fresh citrus fruits and tree nuts) showed some gains in both value and volume.

U.S. agricultural imports during October 1985 reached \$1.4 billion, down 18 percent from the \$1.7 billion imported during the first month of fiscal 1985. Commodities experiencing the greatest declines were cane sugar, coffee and products, fruit juices, beef and veal. The overall net surplus in agricultural trade during October 1985 amounted to \$900 million, down 25 percent from a net surplus of \$1.2 billion during the same period a year earlier.

U.S. Agricultural Trade (Billion dollars)

	FISCAL YEAR			OCTOBER		
	1985 Actual	1986 Forecast	Percent Change	1984 Actual	1985 Actual	Percent Change
Exports	31.2	29.0	-7	2.9	2.3	-21
Imports	19.8	20.0	+1	1.7	1.4	-18
Trade balance	11.4	9.0	-21	1.2	.9	-25

Note: Import tables for U.S. agricultural trade data are not available this month.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1984 - OCTOBER 1985

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (OCTOBER)			
		QUANTITY	%	VALUE	QUANTITY	%	VALUE	
GRAINS AND FEEDS								
WHEAT & WHEAT FLOUR.	MT	3801,035		576,430	3801,035	2356,366	-38	
WHEAT	MT	3736,641	-38	561,469	3736,641	2330,994	-38	
WHEAT FLOUR	MT	64,394	-61	14,961	309,841	161,979	561,469	
RICE	MT	160,033	+23	65,523	65,523	197,161	+23	
COARSE GRAINS	MT	5026,042	-24	645,955	5026,042	3832,193	-24	
CORN	MT	3912,565	-19	517,080	337,508	3172,315	-19	
GRAIN SORGHUM	MT	921,075	-35	106,224	52,626	600,087	-35	
BARLEY	MT	190,523	-70	57,741	57,741	106,224	-35	
OATS	MT	1,145	+52	124	335	1,145	+52	
RYE	MT	734	-58	170	30	82	170	
FEEDS & FOODERS 1/	MT	381,384	+68	61,779	91,237	381,384	+68	
PULSES,	MT	41,885	+58	19,245	29,126	41,885	+58	
BEANS, DRIED	MT	26,016	+106	13,607	23,910	26,016	+106	
PEAS, DRIED	MT	13,277	-38	4,098	2,681	13,277	-38	
LENTILS, ETC., DRI	MT	2,592	+64	4,244	2,535	4,244	+64	
OTHER	MT	XXX		31,257	31,329	31,257		
TOTAL	MT	XXX		1,400,190	928,604	-34	1400,190	
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS								
TOTAL OIL SEEDS	MT	1156,021	+34	341,521	+14	1156,021	+14	
SOYBEANS	MT	1113,775	+35	270,777	+14	1113,775	+35	
SUNFLOWER SEED	MT	3,323	-57	1,692	-16	3,323	-57	
PEANUTS	MT	35,884	+11	27,451	+6	35,884	+11	
OTHER OILSEEDS	MT	3,039	+3	1,859	+48	3,039	+3	
SOYBEAN MEAL	MT	232,455	+55	50,889	+69	432,455	+55	
OTHER MEAL	MT	10,031	+35	1,537	+20	10,031	+35	
TOTAL VEG. OILS	MT	117,339	-23	91,576	-35	117,339	-23	
SOYBEAN OIL	MT	90,878	-37	65,931	-46	90,878	-37	
SUNFLOWER OIL	MT	2,696	+90	2,815	+27	2,696	+90	
COTTONSEED OIL	MT	5,065	+87	4,389	+22	5,065	+87	
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	18,700	+3	18,441	+16	18,700	+17	
TOTAL	MT	XXX		455,162	481,318	+6	455,162	
SEEDS	MT	11,836	9,286	-22	23,980	19,323	-19	481,318
COTTON & LINTERS								
RAW COTTON 2/	STB	307,309	218,465	-29	110,979	69,866	-37	
LINTERS 2/	STB	13,564	9,330	-31	1,634	52	-52	
SILK	STB	21	-100	81	-100	21	-100	
TOTAL	STB	320,894	227,795	-29	112,694	70,659	-37	481,318

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DAIRY PRODUCTS														
NON-FAT DRY MILK.....	MT :	24,891	23,467	-6	15,876	14,194	-11	24,891	23,467	-6	15,876	14,194	-11	
CHEESE.....	MT :	1,243	2,261	+82	2,383	3,651	+53	1,243	2,261	+82	2,383	3,651	+53	
BUTTER.....	MT :	4,211	5,211	+24	5,143	7,933	+54	4,211	5,211	+24	5,143	7,933	+54	
OTHER.....	XXX:				9,842	10,258	+4				9,842	10,258	+4	
TOTAL...	XXX:					33,244		36,036	+8			33,244	36,036	+8
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.														
MEAT.....	MT :	37,405	37,558	--	75,344	79,344	+4	37,405	37,558	--	75,344	79,344	+4	
BEEF.....	MT :	9,756	10,590	+9	41,329	43,009	+7	9,756	10,590	+9	41,329	43,009	+7	
PORK.....	MT :	3,506	3,123	-11	5,994	7,451	+24	3,506	3,123	-11	5,994	7,451	+24	
VARIETY.....	MT :	24,143	23,845	-1	28,603	28,884	+1	24,143	23,845	-1	28,603	28,884	+1	
TALLOW.....	MT :	89,285	128,497	+44	46,052	49,635	+8	89,285	128,497	+44	46,052	49,635	+8	
LARD.....	MT :	5,200	5,011	-1	3,492	2,516	-28	5,200	5,011	-1	3,492	2,516	-28	
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO:	9,359	6,912	-26	6,257	6,812	+9	9,359	6,912	-26	6,257	6,812	+9	
CATTLE HIDES.....	XXX:				85,199	78,498	-8				85,199	78,498	-8	
FURSKINS.....	NO:	464,486	589,412	+27	5,688	7,245	+27	464,486	589,412	+27	5,688	7,245	+27	
OTHER.....	XXX:				58,968	95,460	+62				58,968	95,460	+62	
TOTAL...	XXX:					281,582		319,511	+13			281,582	319,511	+13

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OCTOBER 1984 - OCTOBER 1985

COMMODITIES	UNIT:	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (OCTOBER)			
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	QUANTITY	VALUE	%	
		: 10/84-10/84:10/85-10/85:DIF :	: 10/84-10/84:10/85-10/85:DIF :		: 1984 : 1985 :DIF :	: 1984 : 1985 :DIF :		
HORTICULTURAL PROD.								
TREE NUTS.....	MT :	37,231	14,448	+19	78,364	80,134	+2	
FRUIT.....	MT :	36,567	58,453	+60	104,010	107,791	+4	
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT :	55,215	47,962	-13	21,863	21,863	+0	
FRESH, NON-CITRUS.....	MT :	8,931	5,225	-41	36,335	35,230	+61	
CANNED.....	MT :	14,155	13,881	-2	20,036	14,155	-37	
DRIED.....	MT :	9,466	8,465	-11	16,735	13,518	-19	
JUICES.....	GAL :	47,862	32,385	-32	18,880	12,526	-34	
VEGETABLES, FRESH.....	MT :	24,710	26,085	+6	23,782	22,859	-4	
VEG. PREP.	PRES. :				31,017	35,131	+13	
OTHER.....	XXX:				35,131	31,017	-4	
TOTAL.....	XXX:				256,053	258,441	+1	
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.								
SUGAR & SWEETENERS....	XXX:				10,986	9,951	-9	
COFFEE.....	MT :	1,045	985	-6	8,299	7,007	-16	
FLAVORING SYRUPS.....	XXX:				14,040	15,074	+7	
OTHER.....	XXX:				39,843	38,344	-4	
TOTAL.....	XXX:				73,168	70,376	-4	
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX:				2,861,102	2,343,520	-18	
						2861,102	2343,520	-18

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GALLON UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS. DOZEN UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.
 XXX INDICATES QUANTITY TOTALS ARE NOT MEANINGFUL WHERE UNITS OF MEASURE DIFFER.
 -- INDICATES CHANGE LESS THAN 1 PERCENT.
 *** INDICATES CHANGE GREATER THAN 999 PERCENT.

1/ INCLUDES BY-PRODUCTS.
 2/ STATISTICAL BALE = 480 LBS.

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS DATA (UNADJUSTED).

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Selected International Prices

Item		Dec. 10, 1985	Change from previous week	A year ago
		\$ per MT	\$ per bu.	\$ per MT
ROTTERDAM PRICES 1/				
Wheat:				
Canadian No. 1 CWRS-13.5%.	N.Q.	--	--	189.50
U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%....	180.50	4.91	+3.50	180.00
U.S. No. 2 S.R.W.	157.00	4.27	+5.00	160.00
U.S. No. 3 H.A.D.....	173.00	4.71	+4.00	202.00
Canadian No. 1 A: Durum...	N.Q.	--	--	208.00
Feed grains:				
U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn....	122.50	3.11	0	131.00
Soybeans and meal:				
U.S. No. 2 Yellow.....	213.60	5.81	+7.00	242.50
Brazil 47/48% SoyaPellets	199.00	--	+10.00	180.00
U.S. 44% Soybean Meal....	180.00	--	+3.00	165.00
U.S. FARM PRICES 3/				
Wheat.....	115.00	3.13	+2.57	123.81
Barley.....	74.87	1.63	0	75.78
Corn.....	88.98	2.26	.39	99.21
Sorghum.....	79.15	3.59 2/	+1.76	91.49
Broilers.....	1095.02	--	-44.31	1062.84
EC IMPORT LEVIES				
Wheat 5/.....	113.55	3.09	-8.95	47.05
Barley.....	114.30	2.49	-1.15	51.60
Corn.....	92.40	2.35	-.85	50.50
Sorghum.....	102.10	2.59	-4.55	58.35
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....	241.00	--	-4.00	159.00
EC INTERVENTION PRICES 7/				
Common wheat(feed quality)	167.35	4.55	-.20	141.25
Bread wheat (min. quality)	178.30	4.85	-.35	150.50
Barley and all				
other feed grains.....	167.35	--	-.20	141.25
Broilers 4/ 6/.....	1259.00	--	+7.00	1072.00
EC EXPORT RESTITUTIONS (subsidies)				
Wheat	57.50	1.56	--	N.A.
Barley.....	74.95	1.63	+.85	27.55
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....	157.00	--	-2.00	94.00

1/ Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam. 2/ Hundredweight (CWT). 3/ Five-day moving average. 4/ EC category--70 percent whole chicken. 5/ Reflects lower EC export subsidy--down to 20.00 ECU/100 bag effective 9/14/83 from 22.50 ECU/100 bag set in 2/83. 6/ F.o.b. price for R.T.C. broilers at West German border. 7/ Reference price. 8/ Reflects change in level set by EC. N.A.=None authorized. N.Q.=Not quoted. Note: Basis January delivery.

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